

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-88-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER THE SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING INITIATIVE ACT AND NOTIFICATION OF UPCOMING
STATE FUNDING SOURCES FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TRAINING

This is to inform you of an important funding opportunity and related training workshops regarding housing. On September 28, 2001 the State Department of Mental Health (DMH), in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of \$20 million under the Supportive Housing Initiative Act (SHIA). Grants of up to \$2 million each will be awarded for supportive housing projects (or grants of up to \$3 million, in the case of a local government agency submitting an application for multiple projects within a single jurisdiction). Eligible applicants include local government agencies and nonprofit organizations. While DMH is the lead agency administering SHIA, the program operates under the leadership of the Supportive Housing Program Council, of which Department of Social Services is a member.

These funds may be used for supportive services and project-based rent subsidies for permanent supportive housing. Eligible target populations are adults with low incomes who have one or more disabilities and may include single adults, families with children, seniors, California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids participants, homeless people, young adults aging out of the foster care system, veterans, and individuals exiting from institutional settings. The deadline for submission of letters of intent is November 2, 2001. Further information is available at DMH's website at www.dmh.ca.gov.

On November 1 and 6, 2001 the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) will be offering a one-day workshop on State Funding Sources for Supportive Housing, with a particular emphasis on SHIA. This workshop was created and originally offered in November 2000 to introduce supportive housing providers and potential funding applicants to several new state funding sources for supportive housing, including SHIA. This year CSH is customizing the workshop to include a track designed specifically for local government representatives.

The November workshops are organized into morning and afternoon sessions. In the morning, participants will hear presentations from a panel of representatives from state funding sources: including SHIA, the Integrated Services for Homeless Adults with Mental Illness (AB 2034), the Multifamily Housing Program, the Emergency Housing Assistance Program, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, and the CA Housing Agency Special Needs Affordable Housing Lending Program.

The afternoon will offer a breakout session for local government representatives. This session is designed to help participants learn how they can increase the supply of supportive housing in their jurisdiction and improve the quality and competitiveness of applications for funding. The session will incorporate information on all relevant State funding sources, but will devote particular attention to the SHIA.

CSH staff will make a presentation on the benefits of proactive local government involvement in the planning and coordination of supportive housing, the roles local government can play, and practical strategies for playing those roles effectively, including how to set up structures for local government planning, who to have at the table, and other issues. Additionally, a roundtable of local government representatives whose jurisdictions exemplify best practices in coordination and planning will make brief presentations and answer questions from participants.

The November 1 workshop will be held at the Berkeley Radisson Marina in Berkeley, and the November 6 workshop will be at the Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Pomona. Both sessions will run from 9:30 to 4:30, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. To register, please call CSH at (510) 251-1910 or send an email to ca@csh.org. A registration brochure is available online at www.csh.org. Click on "what's new" and look for information about California's Supportive Housing Initiative funding or go to <http://www.csh.org/alerts/alert78.html>.

We encourage you to attend this invaluable opportunity to gain new knowledge that will have immediate, practical use in local efforts to ensure that more supportive housing is created.

Sincerely,

*Original document signed by
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On 10/29/01*

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